

a couple of amendments on it and a kill motion. He is not here, so in place of Senator Vickers I felt that we should at least have some discussion and so I put the kill motion up there. You know we've had a lot of conversation over a number of months here about the problems in agriculture and I think everybody in this body has been sympathetic to the problems in agriculture. Then you come up with a bill that is going to increase the sales tax on every tractor that is purchased in the state. If those local people in that town want it, want to increase the sales tax to a cent and a half, they can do it. So the guy that comes to town to buy the parts, at least parts, you're going to have extra burden on agriculture with this bill and nobody seems to be caring about that. The League of Municipalities, they're my good friends out there. I agree with them most of the time. They have worked this bill as you wouldn't believe. I've got a whole pile of letters in my office from mayors of towns around the state saying this is the greatest thing since four-buckle overshoes, but what they fail to mention is they don't even have the one cent sales tax. These are from mayors that don't have the one cent sales tax. They say, hey, we've got to have a cent and a half even though we don't even have the penny. I don't understand that kind of thinking. I don't understand that kind of thinking. This is a bill that is detrimental to agriculture, it's detrimental to agriculture, and this body seems to be going along with it, this body seems to be going along with it. I'm leaving the kill motion up there. We're going to see who really wants to add a burden to agriculture. My good friend from Kearney is a good friend of agriculture, but he is supporting this bill and I just don't understand it. I don't understand why in a time like this when agriculture is suffering, as everybody knows it is, here comes a sleeper of a bill that nobody seems to be excited about that is going to increase the sales tax on...basically on agriculture and others and the people in agriculture don't get to vote on it, you know. The people in the towns will vote on whether or not the farmers pay the extra sales tax when they come to town. Now, maybe that is a democratic way to do it, but I don't believe it is and I would ask you to kill this bill at this point.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would remind the members that at nine forty-five or thereabouts we'll go into "at ease" for the Mother of the Year ceremony. Meantime, we have about eight minutes left. Senator Harris is next on the speaking list and may I tell you that I will preserve this speaking order in case I happen to lose it on my machine up here during the time of the Mother of the Year, so we'll revert back to it. Senator Harris.